

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE OIL GAS
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to explore oil and gas in Adiramapattinam Muthukadu coastal stretch in Tamil Nadu as there is a considerable potential there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Adiramapattinam-Muthukadu coastal stretch is covered by a thin layer of sediments, with the least prospectivity from hydrocarbon point of view. However, ONGC initiated hydrocarbon activities in mid sixties in certain area near Adiramapattinam. The area has been covered by seismic surveys amounting to more than 2000 Line Kilometre. In addition, about ten prospects have been drilled in this sector leading to a gas find at Vadatheru in Pudukkottai district. The area around the gas find is under active exploration. Based on the evaluation of geoscientific data of the area, one more prospect, namely Therukutheru has been identified and scheduled to be taken up during 2000-01. Further, exploratory drilling will depend on the drilling results of this prospect. Exploration work in the offshore area adjoining Adiramapattinam is being carried out by Private/Joint Venture Companies.